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DEDICATION



On a cold and clear night, back in 2019, a remarkable production of "It's a Wonderful Life- a radio play" happened in this very theater. We didn't know at the time that we would lose four dear souls at some point after that special evening. If we close our eyes, we can still hear their laughter and see their smiles. We would like to dedicate this production to our angels,
Robert, Lilianna, Pam,
...and our Gina, whose bright light can never be dimmed in our hearts.



Robert Nissen
Lilliana Dzierawski
Bob adapted "It's a Wonderful Life" for PWPT and Lilianna was a costumer and performer.



Gina Farasciano
Gina performing in the 2019 production of "It's a Wonderful Life". We are honored to have received a grant from HEARTS PW in her memory.



Pam Meadows
(with her beloved Ron)
Pam was the director of the 2019 production of "It's a Wonderful Life" and the Artistic Director for PWPT.

Port Washington Play Troupe



IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE -A RADIO PLAY ADAPTATION BY ROBERT NISSEN

WITH

Vivian Aiuto	Winifred Boyd	Michael Chimenti
Heather Simon Clark	Spencer Cohen	Karen Corrado
Anne DeAcetis	Alexis DiResta	Frank DiSpigno
Bob Domingo	Patricia Gallagher	Robert Gold
Mike Meehan	Dana Mezzina	Gary Noren
Karen Santaromita	ZB Senft	Sheila Sheffield
Tony Traguado	Diana von Roeschlaub	Jack West

Director
Stephanie Hall

Musical Director
David Barnett

Costume Coordinator
Diane Marcus Heiman

Foley and Sound Design
Christine DeAcetis

Publicity
Ann Latner

Technical Director
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IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE - A RADIO PLAY

Act 1

LUX Radio Theatre - brought to you by LUX Toilet Soap

Don't Sit Under the Appletree The Chordettes
It's a Wonderful Life Part 1
Pepsi Cola Jingle The Chordettes with Winston
Falling in Love with Love Angela - The Mellotones
It's Only a Paper Moon Winston - The Mellotones with Angela,
Virginia, Betty
Someone to Watch Over Me Virginia - The Mellotones
An Endorsement from Cynthia
Hillcastle

Act 2

It's a Wonderful Life Part 2
A Rehearsal with Cynthia Hillcastle

Act 3

Chiquita Bananna Jingle The Chordettes
No Place Like Home for the Holidays Angela and Virginia - The Mellotones
The Man with the Bag Carol - The Mellotones
It's a Wonderful Life Part 3
Bows - Happy Holidays Company - we invite the audience to join
on the second verse

Please stop by the registration table in the lobby for cookies and to get more information about Port Washington Play Troupe.

We hope you will consider making a donation for today's performance. Port Washington Play Troupe is a 501c3 non-profit organization. We depend on YOUR support in order to bring quality programming to the community.

Thank you



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IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE - A RADIO PLAY

in alphabetical order

Marjory -The Chordettes	Vivian Aiuto
Mrs. Hatch, Grumpy Old Lady, Charlene	Winifred Boyd
Clarence - an angel in training, Winston -The Mellotones	Michael Chimenti
Betty -The Chordettes	Heather Simon Clark
Welch- husband of schoolteacher, Carter- the bank examiner, Ernie - the cabdriver, the Bridgekeeper, Ed	Spencer Cohen
Hortense - the bank teller, Young Mary, Petie Bailey	Karen Corrado
Carol -The Mellotones	Anne DeAcetis
Betsy - Foley Artist	Christine DeAcetis
Maxine-The Chordettes, Young Violet, Violet, Zuzu	Alexis DiResta
Potter, Nick the Bartender	Frank DiSpigno
Joseph, head angel	Bob Domingo
Virginia -The Mellotones	Patricia Gallagher
Martini- the bar owner, Uncle Billy, Mr. Gower - the druggist	Robert Gold
Sam Wainwright, Harry Bailey, Randall	Mike Meehan
Mary Hatch	Dana Mezzina
Bert- the cop, Dr Cambell, Sheriff, Pinky - the bouncer	Gary Noren
Angela -The Mellotones	Karen Santaromita
Young George, Tilly - the secretary, Janie Bailey	ZB Senft
Cynthia Hillcastle	Sheila Sheffield
Guy Ramonds - LUX radio announcer, Pa Bailey	Tony Traguardo
Ma Bailey, Mrs. Thompson	Diana von Roeschlaub
George Bailey	Jack West

PRODUCTION STAFF

Crew Members

Director Stephanie Hall

Musical Director and Pianist David Barnett

Foley & Sound Effects Design Christine DeAcetis

Technical Director Brian Viner

Costume Coordinator Diane Marcus Heiman

Lighting Crew Thanks to all our friends in the PWPL lighting booth and
technical crew at the PWPL

Publicity Ann Latner, Lucas Battista

Social Media Stuart Werner

Front of House Brett Grossman, Pam Seiderman, Nina West, Mike
Yakiemchuk and others!

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Port Washington Play Troupe 2023 Board of Directors

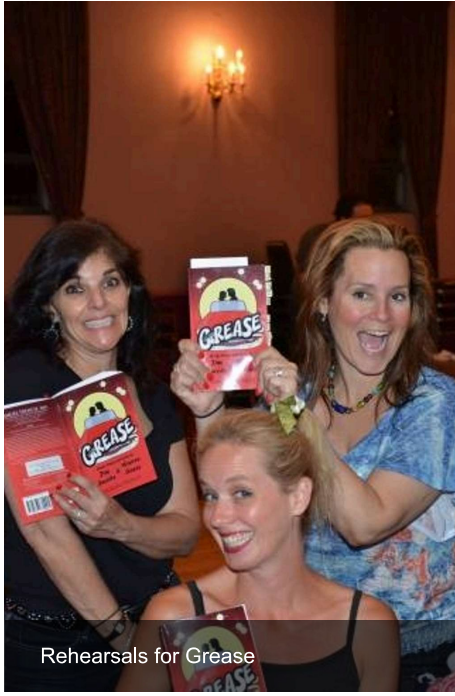
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Rehearsals for Grease



1940's Radio Hour

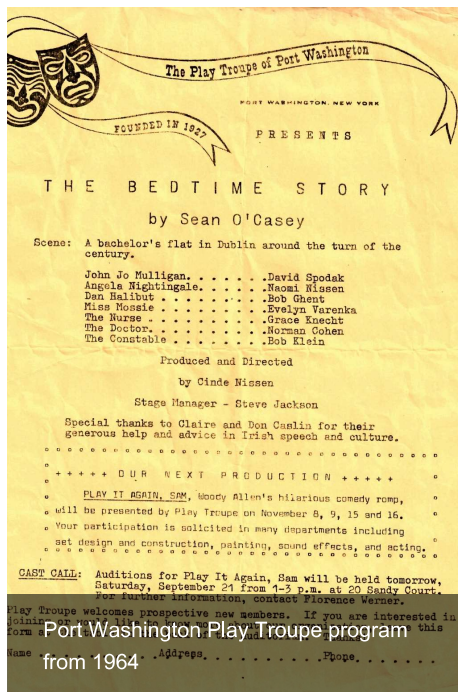


Marching in the Memorial Day Parade in the 70's

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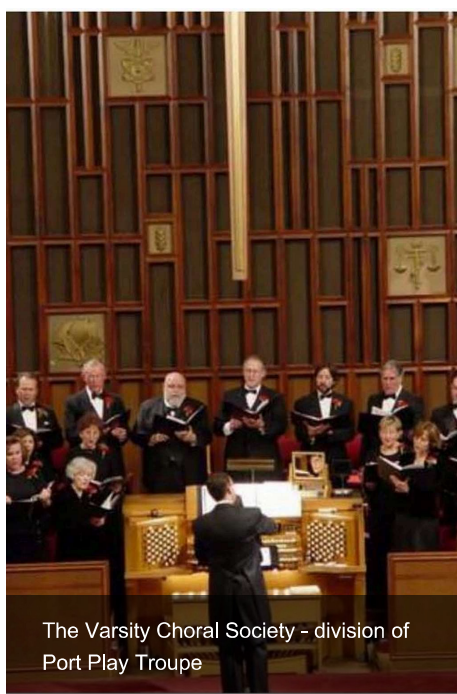
Port Washington Play Troupe program from 1964



Rehearsal for Something Wonderful at the John Phillip Memorial Bandshell



Working on the children's show in 1947



The Varsity Choral Society - division of Port Play Troupe

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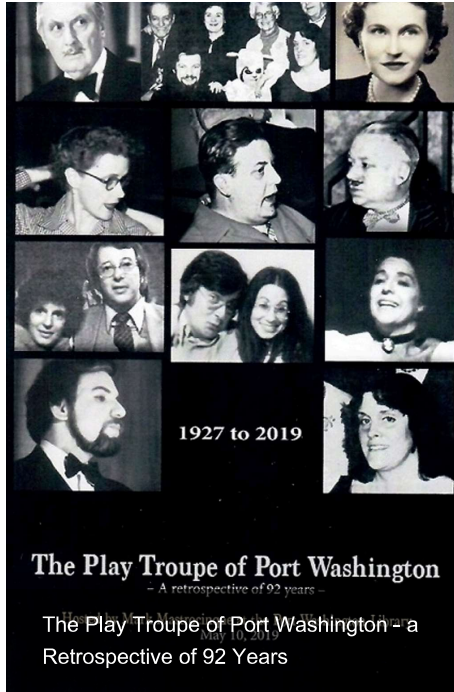
Pirates of Penzance - 1932



A Children's Show rehearsal at St Stephen's Church



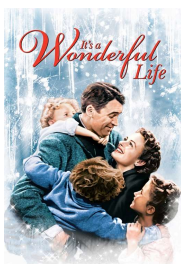
The Philadelphia Story - LUX Radio Theater



– IT REALLY HAS BEEN A WONDERFUL SHOW..... –

This is a very special project for me for so many reasons. I loved working on "It's a Wonderful Life" in 2019 and watching that magical company. I have so enjoyed working with this cast, which has been exceptional in every way. Their talent, camaraderie and sheer joy are an inspiration. I hope they inspire you to spend some more time with Port Washington Play Troupe, perhaps on the stage or behind the scenes... or simply by attending performances. This is YOUR historic local community theater. Enjoy it!

Stephanie Hall



It's a treat to be doing this production with both old and new members. I'm looking forward to the group growing and thriving. To many more productions in the future!

David Barnett



We want to take a moment to reach out to everyone that came to our little holiday production with an appeal. In many ways, Port Washington Play Troupe is just like the Bailey Building and Loan. We are sustained by the Port Washington community, so won't you please consider making a donation? We gratefully accept gifts of all kinds. You can donate your energy and talent (on stage or off). You can attend our shows or join us in building a vision for our future ...or you can just make a financial donation to help keep the oldest community theater company in New York State afloat.

We need you and we will welcome you to our merry band of volunteers. All of us at Port Washington Play Troupe wish you and your family a wonderful holiday season. May the glow of seasonal candles shine bright through the darkness, illuminating your homes and hearts with peace and joy.

PORT WASHINGTON PLAY TROUPE



Linda Pollack Ives as Peter Pan in 1957. Linda flew at an estimated 20 miles an hour across the Weber stage. It retained such notoriety, that famed actress (and Peter Pan star) Mary Martin sent her secretary to see the production, as she was curious how a local community theater company was able to engineer the "flying apparatus"

Play Troupe was founded in 1927 by a group of self-described "careless artists, with an utter disregard for tradition and custom." They staged their first production in the Parish Hall at St Stephen's Church which has partnered with Play Troupe throughout its history.

What followed were decades of high-quality community theater, produced in every available auditorium, church, gymnasium and unsuspecting open space in town!

Over the years, Play Troupe's industrious members founded a wide variety of programs that all operate under the company's non-profit umbrella. These programs included inter-generational children's shows, musicals, straight plays/classics, live-broadcast radio dramas, and even a behind-the-scenes- theater discussion series.

In the mid 1990s, nearly all of Play Troupe's programs fell into inactivity. But in 2012, in celebration of the company's 85th anniversary, both old and new members rallied together to revive Port Washington Play Troupe for more generations to enjoy. The revival, and Play Troupe's ongoing programming, has enjoyed the generous support of the Peter & Jeri Dejana Family Foundation.

The company produced robustly until (and even through) the COVID-19 pandemic, including streaming productions. It then went dark briefly again following the passing of longtime President and Artistic Director Pamela Meadows in 2021. After a year-long search for new leadership in 2022, the company announced a new Board of Directors in 2023.

The company is now back in production, looking forward to celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2027!

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